

Amendments to the claims:

1. (canceled)
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8. (canceled)
9. (currently amended) A method for cleaning vehicle windows,

comprising the following steps:

providing by means of a wiper with a wiper strip (12) with a wiper lip,  
whose wherein the wiper lip (16) rests against the vehicle window;  
providing piezoelectric elements disposed parallel to the wiper strip (12),  
wherein said piezoelectric elements act on a wiper blade rubber (14) in a wiping  
direction (24) and are controlled by an electronic control unit (30);

providing a control unit (30);  
activating the piezoelectric elements (10) with the control unit (30) before  
activating a wiping operation when the wiper is first actuated after the vehicle has  
been parked and/or at outside temperatures below freezing; and

, characterized in that setting the wiper strip (12) is set into oscillations lateral to its longitudinal direction (20) during the wiping operation and/or shortly before the wiping operation is begun.

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 49, characterized in that wherein the oscillations have a frequency in the ultrasonic range.

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 49, characterized in that wherein the oscillations are generated by the piezoelectric elements (10).

12. (currently amended) The method according to claim 49, characterized in that wherein washing water is applied to the vehicle window close to the wiper strip (12) during the wiping operation.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The apparatus method according to claim 59, characterized in that wherein the piezoelectric elements (10) are supported in a flexible support (18) perpendicular to the vehicle window.

15. (currently amended) The apparatus method according to  
claim 6 14, characterized in that wherein the support (18) of the piezoelectric  
elements (10) is formed onto a profiled back (28) of the wiper blade rubber (14).

16. (canceled)